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For: AXIALLY COMPRESSIBLE ARTIFICIAL
INTERVERTEBRAL DISC HAVING A
CAPTURED BALL AND SOCKET JOINT
WITH A SOLID BALL AND
COMPRESSION LOCKING POST

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed December 22, 2005, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks.

A Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time thereby extending the time for responding to the Official Action from December 22, 2005 to and including March 22, 2006 is included herewith.